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**SYNOPSIS**

“Urban Hope Act”; provides a process to permit authorized entities to build, operate, and manage “renaissance school projects” as public schools in no more than three indetified failing districts.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on January 5, 2012, with amendments.



1 AN ACT concerning the development of renaissance school projects  
2 in failing school districts and supplementing Title 18A of the  
3 New Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Urban  
9 Hope Act.”

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11 2. The Legislature finds and declares that:

12 a. Maintaining a thorough and efficient public school system is  
13 among the Legislature’s most important responsibilities;

14 b. Although New Jersey’s per pupil public school expenditures  
15 are among the highest in the nation, many of the State’s students are  
16 failing to achieve the core curriculum content standards;

17 c. Many of those students are confined to a number of  
18 persistently failing school districts and schools that, year after year,  
19 have been unable to convert increased State aid and other resources  
20 into improved student achievement, higher graduation rates, or  
21 greater student readiness for postsecondary education and gainful  
22 employment;

23 d. For those school districts and schools, it is necessary to  
24 provide local boards of education, parents, students, and teachers  
25 with more and better options for addressing their failing schools;  
26 and

27 e. One such option is to <sup>1</sup>[create, on a limited pilot program  
28 basis, “renaissance schools” which will be constructed, staffed and  
29 operated by nonprofit entities, including existing charter schools,  
30 in] allow a small number of<sup>1</sup> school districts with high  
31 concentrations of at-risk students <sup>1</sup>to, on a limited pilot program  
32 basis, partner with one or more nonprofit entities to create  
33 “renaissance schools.” While creation of these schools is voluntary,  
34 it is the hope of the Legislature that the districts will find suitable  
35 nonprofit partners and establish one or more renaissance schools  
36 dedicated to providing New Jersey’s students with the educators,  
37 facilities, and resources to prepare them for college and career<sup>1</sup>.

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39 3. As used in this act:

40 “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Education.

41 “Failing district” means: <sup>1</sup>in accordance with data from the  
42 Statewide assessment reports issued by the Department of  
43 Education<sup>1</sup> (1) in the case of a school district located in a city of the  
44 first class, a school district in which at least <sup>1</sup>[30% ] 40%<sup>1</sup> of the

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SBA committee amendments adopted January 5, 2012.

1 students scored in the partially proficient range in the language arts  
2 and mathematics sections of each State assessment administered in  
3 the 2009-2010 school year; and (2) in the case of a school district  
4 located in a city of the second class, a school district in which at  
5 least '[55%] 45%'<sup>1</sup> of the students scored in the partially proficient  
6 range in the language arts and mathematics sections of each State  
7 assessment administered in the 2009-2010 school year.

8 "Per pupil expenditure" means the sum of the budget year  
9 equalization aid per pupil, budget year adjustment aid per pupil, and  
10 the prebudget year general fund tax levy per pupil inflated by the  
11 CPI rate most recent to the calculation.

12 "School facility" means and includes any structure, building, or  
13 facility used wholly or in part for educational purposes by the  
14 students of a school district.

15 "[School facilities project" means the planning, acquisition,  
16 demolition, new construction, improvement, or capital maintenance  
17 of all or any part of one or more school facilities constituting a  
18 renaissance school project.]<sup>1</sup>

19 "Renaissance school district" is a failing district in which  
20 renaissance school projects shall be established.

21 "Renaissance school project" means a 'newly-constructed'<sup>1</sup>  
22 school, or group of schools in a common campus setting, that  
23 provides an educational program for students enrolled in grades K  
24 through 12 or in a grade range less than K through 12, that is agreed  
25 to by the school district, and is operated and managed by a  
26 nonprofit entity '[, including an approved charter school,]'<sup>1</sup> in a  
27 renaissance school district.

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29 4. a. A nonprofit entity, in partnership with the renaissance  
30 school district, may submit to the commissioner an application to  
31 create a renaissance school project 'no later than three years  
32 following the effective date of this act'<sup>1</sup>. A nonprofit entity seeking  
33 to create a renaissance school project shall have experience in  
34 operating a school in a high-risk, low-income urban district. 'In  
35 addition, an entity retained by the nonprofit entity for the purpose  
36 of financing or constructing the renaissance school project shall  
37 also have appropriate experience.'<sup>1</sup>

38 b. The application shall be in a form prescribed by the  
39 commissioner, but at a minimum it shall contain the following:

40 (1) 'except as otherwise provided in this paragraph,'<sup>1</sup> a resolution  
41 adopted in a public meeting by the board of education of the  
42 renaissance school district in which the renaissance school project  
43 will be located certifying the support of the board for the  
44 application 'In the case of a district under full or partial State  
45 intervention with an advisory board of education, the application  
46 shall contain evidence that that State district superintendent or  
47 superintendent, as applicable, convened at least three public

- 1 meetings to discuss the merits of the renaissance school project.  
2 The evidence shall include, at a minimum, any written public  
3 comments received during those meetings. In the case of these  
4 districts, the application shall contain a resolution from the advisory  
5 board of education reflecting the board's approval or disapproval of  
6 the renaissance school project. While a successful application does  
7 not require approval from the advisory board of education, the  
8 commissioner, in considering the application, shall give due  
9 consideration to any disapproval from the advisory board<sup>1</sup>;
- 10 (2) <sup>1</sup>[a resolution adopted by the board of education of the  
11 renaissance school district amending the district's long-range  
12 facilities plan to include the proposed renaissance school project,  
13 and the] a copy of the<sup>1</sup> amendment 'to the renaissance school  
14 district's long-range facilities plan<sup>1</sup> which has been submitted to the  
15 commissioner pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2000, c.72 (C.18A:7G-4)  
16 'that includes the proposed renaissance school project<sup>1</sup>;
- 17 (3) the educational goals of the renaissance school project, the  
18 curriculum to be offered, and the methods of assessing whether  
19 students are meeting the proffered educational goals;
- 20 (4) any testing and academic performance standards to be  
21 mandated by the renaissance school project beyond those required  
22 by State law and regulation;
- 23 (5) the admission policy and criteria for evaluating the  
24 admission of students to the renaissance school project, which shall  
25 comply with the provisions of section 8 of this act;
- 26 (6) the age or grade range of students to be enrolled in the  
27 renaissance school project;
- 28 (7) the total number of students to be enrolled in each grade  
29 level of the renaissance school project;
- 30 (8) the renaissance school project calendar and school day  
31 schedule;
- 32 (9) the financial plan for the renaissance school project and the  
33 provisions that will be made for auditing pursuant to N.J.S.18A:23-  
34 1;
- 35 (10) a description of, and address for, the school facility or  
36 facilities in which the renaissance school project will be located;
- 37 (11) documentation that the proposed renaissance school  
38 project meets the facilities efficiency standards developed by the  
39 commissioner pursuant to subsection h. of section 4 of P.L.2000,  
40 c.72 (C.18A:7G-4), and any school facility regulations promulgated  
41 by the State Board of Education or the Department of Community  
42 Affairs;
- 43 (12) documentation of the funds available to construct the  
44 renaissance school project, including the terms of any financing  
45 secured for such purpose;
- 46 (13) if the renaissance school project includes the acquisition of  
47 land, the application shall include, at a minimum: (a) a description

1 of the land to be acquired; (b) the costs of acquisition; (c) the  
2 timetable for acquisition; and (d) the plan for financing the  
3 acquisition;

4 (14) identification of the attendance area of the renaissance  
5 school project, if the renaissance school project will not be built on  
6 land owned by the New Jersey Schools Development Authority or  
7 the renaissance school district; **'[and]'**

8 (15) 'a description of the process employed by the renaissance  
9 school district to find and partner with the chosen nonprofit entity  
10 to create a renaissance school project. The description shall be  
11 sufficient to show that the process employed by the renaissance  
12 school district was open, fair, and subject to public input and  
13 comment. The description shall, at a minimum, include any  
14 requests for proposals issued by the renaissance school district, the  
15 number of responses received, and the process and criteria  
16 employed by the renaissance school district to select the chosen  
17 nonprofit entity among the respondents; and

18 (16)' such other information as the commissioner may require.  
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20 5. The commissioner may not approve more than four  
21 renaissance school projects in any one renaissance school district.  
22 Nothing in this act shall prohibit a renaissance school project that  
23 provides an educational program for a grade range less than K  
24 through 12 from expanding grade levels after the approval by the  
25 commissioner of the initial application.

26 In reviewing and judging applications for renaissance school  
27 projects, the factors considered by the commissioner may include,  
28 but not be limited to:

29 a. The likelihood that the renaissance school project will  
30 improve academic achievement in the renaissance school district;

31 b. The strength of the support for the renaissance school project  
32 from the school district, board of education, and parents;

33 c. The facilities plan for the renaissance school project;

34 d. **'[Geographic diversity and diversity] Diversity'** of school  
35 type, elementary school, middle school, and high school, among the  
36 proposed renaissance school projects; and

37 e. Any other factors deemed significant by the commissioner.  
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39 6. **'a.'** The nonprofit entity and the **'[board of education of**  
40 **the]'** renaissance school district in which the renaissance school  
41 project will be located shall enter into a contract setting forth the  
42 terms and conditions for the renaissance school project including,  
43 but not limited to, the operation, management, and funding of the  
44 renaissance school project. The contract shall be submitted to the  
45 commissioner for approval.

46 **'b.** The nonprofit entity shall file with the commissioner an  
47 organizational document for the renaissance school project setting

1 forth: the name of the renaissance school project, the grade levels of  
2 the school, the location of the school, and the total enrollment of the  
3 school; the mission statement for the renaissance school project; the  
4 curriculum for the renaissance school project; the length of the  
5 renaissance school project school day and school year; and such  
6 other information as the commissioner may require.<sup>1</sup>

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8 7. a. Notwithstanding that a renaissance school project shall be  
9 constructed, controlled, operated, and managed by a nonprofit  
10 entity, and not the local board of education, it shall be a public  
11 school. However nothing contained herein shall restrict a for-profit  
12 entity from constructing a renaissance school project, or a  
13 renaissance school project from being located on land owned by a  
14 for-profit entity. Further, the renaissance school project shall be  
15 authorized to retain any business entity, however formed, whose  
16 primary purpose is the staffing, operation, and management of  
17 elementary schools, middle schools, or high schools in the United  
18 States, except as it relates to instructional services.

19 b. The costs of a renaissance school project including, but not  
20 limited to, the costs of land acquisition, site remediation, site  
21 development, design, construction, and any other costs required to  
22 place into service the school facility or facilities constituting the  
23 renaissance school project shall be at the sole expense of the  
24 nonprofit entity. The nonprofit entity may use State funds to pay  
25 for a lease, debt service, or mortgage for any facility constructed or  
26 otherwise acquired.

27 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of the "Educational  
28 Facilities Construction and Financing Act," P.L.2000, c.72  
29 (C.18A:7G-1 et al.), or any other law or regulation to the contrary,  
30 there shall be no State share for the costs of a renaissance school  
31 project.

32 d. Notwithstanding the provisions of the "Public School  
33 Contracts Law," P.L.1977, c.114 (C.18A:18A-1 et seq.), or any  
34 other law or regulation to the contrary, the nonprofit entity or any  
35 entity acting in cooperation with a renaissance school project shall  
36 not be subject to public bidding for goods and services, and any  
37 contracts entered into by the nonprofit entity shall not be deemed  
38 public contracts or public works; except that any contract entered  
39 into by the nonprofit entity or any entity acting in cooperation with  
40 a renaissance school project shall be deemed a public work for the  
41 purposes of the "New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act," P.L.1963, c.150  
42 (C.34:11-56.25 et seq.), and subject to the applicable provisions of  
43 that act.

44 e. The renaissance school district in which a renaissance school  
45 project is located shall pay to the nonprofit entity in 12 equal  
46 monthly installments an amount per pupil equal to 95% of the  
47 district's per pupil expenditure. In addition the 12 monthly  
48 installments shall include the security categorical aid attributable to

1 the student, a percentage of the district's special education  
2 categorical aid equal to the percentage of the district's special  
3 education students enrolled in the renaissance school project, and if  
4 applicable 100% of preschool education aid. The district shall also  
5 pay directly to the renaissance school project any federal funds  
6 attributable to the student.

7 f. Renaissance school projects shall be required to meet the  
8 same testing and academic performance standards established by  
9 law and regulation for public school students, and shall meet any  
10 additional testing and academic performance standards established  
11 by the nonprofit entity and approved by the commissioner.

12 g. The nonprofit entity shall have complete discretion in  
13 naming the renaissance school project. The nonprofit entity may  
14 not realize a net profit from its operation of a renaissance school  
15 project. A private or parochial school shall not be eligible for  
16 renaissance school project status.

17 h. A nonprofit entity shall operate a renaissance school project  
18 in accordance with the contract entered into pursuant to section 6 of  
19 this act, the provisions of this act, and the laws and regulations that  
20 govern other public schools which are not inconsistent with this act.

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22 8. a. In the case of a renaissance school project built on land  
23 owned by the New Jersey Schools Development Authority or the  
24 renaissance school district, students residing in the attendance area  
25 established by the renaissance school district for that property shall  
26 be automatically enrolled in the renaissance school project. The  
27 parent or guardian of the student may determine not to enroll the  
28 student in the renaissance school project, and in that case the  
29 student shall be eligible for enrollment in another school in the  
30 renaissance school district. If spaces remain available in the  
31 renaissance school project, students shall be selected for the  
32 remaining spaces through a lottery system. The first lottery shall  
33 include students who attend a public school in the renaissance  
34 school district but reside outside the attendance area of the  
35 renaissance school. If space remains available, a second lottery  
36 shall be conducted that may include students who reside outside of  
37 the renaissance school district.

38 b. In the case of a renaissance school project which is not built  
39 on land owned by the New Jersey Schools Development Authority  
40 or the renaissance school district, preference for enrollment in the  
41 renaissance school project shall be given to students who reside in  
42 the attendance area identified in the application submitted by the  
43 nonprofit entity and approved by the commissioner for the  
44 renaissance school project. In no case may an attendance area  
45 include an area outside of the renaissance school district. If spaces  
46 remain available in the renaissance school project, then the  
47 renaissance school project may select students for the remaining  
48 spaces through a lottery system.

1 In developing and executing its selection process, the nonprofit  
2 entity shall not discriminate on the basis of intellectual or athletic  
3 ability, measures of achievement or aptitude, status as a  
4 handicapped person, proficiency in the English language, or any  
5 other basis that would be illegal if used by a school district. A  
6 nonprofit entity may, however, limit admission to a particular grade  
7 level or levels consistent with its organizational document.

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9 9. a. The employees of a renaissance school project shall not  
10 be deemed to be members of the bargaining unit of the renaissance  
11 school district.

12 b. In hiring its employees for a renaissance school project, a  
13 nonprofit entity shall be subject to the provisions of the "New  
14 Jersey Employer-Employee Relations Act," P.L.1941, c.100  
15 (C.34:13A-1 et seq.). A nonprofit entity shall not set a teacher  
16 salary lower than the minimum teacher salary specified pursuant to  
17 section 7 of P.L.1985, c.321 (C.18A:29-5.6).

18 c. All principals, administrators, classroom teachers, and  
19 professional support staff hired by a nonprofit entity to work in a  
20 renaissance school project shall hold appropriate New Jersey  
21 certifications and shall possess all the tenure rights as employees of  
22 a board of education of a school district as provided in Title 18A  
23 and other laws and regulations.

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25 10. a. The renaissance school project shall be authorized for 10  
26 years from the date of opening, subject to periodic reviews by the  
27 commissioner. The renaissance school project shall be  
28 automatically renewed for additional five year periods provided  
29 there is not a breach of the agreement that outlines the terms and  
30 conditions of the renaissance school project.

31 Every ten years, '[prior to granting a renewal,]' the  
32 commissioner shall conduct a comprehensive review of the  
33 renaissance school project 'prior to granting a renewal'. Renewal  
34 'at these 10-year intervals' shall be presumed 'where' provided  
35 'there is not a breach of the agreement that outlines the terms and  
36 'conditions of the renaissance school project and' the renaissance  
37 school project's average percent of students proficient on the New  
38 Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge, if the school includes  
39 any grades from three to eight, or on the New Jersey High School  
40 Proficiency Assessment, if the school includes grades 11 and 12,  
41 exceed the average percent of students proficient for the renaissance  
42 school district in which it is located in like grades by 15 percent or  
43 more in language arts literacy, mathematics, or both after five years,  
44 and 25 percent or more in language arts literacy, mathematics, or  
45 both after ten years, or achieves the State-level proficiency  
46 standards during that period.

47 b. The commissioner shall periodically assess whether each  
48 renaissance school project is meeting its goals and improving



1 student achievement. In order to facilitate the commissioner's  
2 review, each renaissance school project shall submit an annual  
3 report to the commissioner in the form prescribed by the  
4 commissioner. The report shall be received annually by August 1  
5 and shall be made publicly available immediately thereafter,  
6 including on the Department of Education's website.

7 c. The commissioner shall have on-going access to the records  
8 and facilities of the renaissance school project and the nonprofit  
9 entity to ensure that the renaissance school project is in compliance  
10 with its organizational document and with State laws and  
11 regulations.

12 d. Five years following the date of the opening of the '[first]  
13 third' renaissance school project, 'or ten years after the opening of  
14 the first renaissance school project, whichever occurs first,' a  
15 review of the efficacy of the program shall be conducted by an  
16 independent education researcher or research organization selected  
17 by the commissioner '[, with the approval of the State Board of  
18 Education]'. The independent review shall be funded by the  
19 Department of Education. The review shall include interviews with  
20 staff, parents, and resident district representatives, and a fiscal and  
21 educational assessment. The commissioner shall report the results  
22 of the review to the Governor, the State Board of Education, and to  
23 the Legislature as provided pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164  
24 (C.52:14-19.1), and, in addition, the Governor shall report on the  
25 efficacy of the renaissance school projects in educating students and  
26 whether additional renaissance school districts should be authorized  
27 and, if so, how many. The commissioner shall also recommend any  
28 changes to this act deemed appropriate based on experience with the  
29 renaissance school projects and the independent review.

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31 11. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of the "Educational  
32 Facilities Construction and Financing Act," P.L.2000, c.72  
33 (C.18A:7G-1 et al.), or any other law or regulation to the contrary,  
34 when an entity seeks to build a renaissance school project on land  
35 owned by the New Jersey Schools Development Authority, the  
36 authority may convey the land by ground lease or fee simple title to  
37 either the renaissance school district or the entity if the authority  
38 determines conveyance to be in the best interests of the State,  
39 provided that such conveyance, whether by ground lease or fee  
40 simple title shall (1) contain a restriction that the land be used  
41 solely for a school or it shall revert to the authority; and (2) be for  
42 such consideration and on such terms as the authority determines to  
43 be in the best interests of the State.

44 b. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, in the event  
45 of a conveyance by the authority to a renaissance school district  
46 pursuant to this section, the renaissance school district is authorized  
47 to enter into a sub-lease of the property to the entity as required to

1 effectuate the renaissance school project. The sub-lease shall be  
2 submitted to the commissioner for his review and approval. The  
3 sub-lease shall contain a restriction that the land be used solely for  
4 the renaissance school project or it shall revert to the school district.

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6 12. Whenever any board of education shall by resolution  
7 determine that any tract of land is no longer desirable or necessary  
8 for school purposes it may authorize the conveyance thereof, for a  
9 nominal consideration, to a renaissance school project established  
10 pursuant to P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this  
11 bill). The president and secretary of the board shall be authorized  
12 to execute and deliver a conveyance for the same in the name and  
13 under the seal of the board, which conveyance shall be subject to a  
14 condition providing that the land shall be used by the renaissance  
15 school project for school purposes, and in the event that the  
16 property shall cease to be used for those purposes, the property shall  
17 thereupon revert to and the title thereof shall vest in the board of  
18 education making the conveyance thereof hereunder.

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20 '13. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.18A:24-10 or  
21 any other section of law to the contrary, under the pilot program the  
22 board of education of a Type II school district without a board of  
23 school estimate may issue bonds without the approval of the voters  
24 of the district in order to finance the construction of a renaissance  
25 school project. In the case of a Type I district or a Type II district  
26 with a board of school estimate, notwithstanding the provisions of  
27 N.J.S.18A:24-11, N.J.S.18A:24-12, or any other section of law to  
28 the contrary, such bonds may be issued by the municipality without  
29 the approval of the board of school estimate or the adoption of a  
30 municipal ordinance as applicable. In the case of a school district  
31 under full State intervention or partial State intervention in which  
32 the governance component of school district effectiveness has not  
33 been returned to the district, notwithstanding the provisions of  
34 P.L.1991, c.139 (C.18A:7A-46.1 et seq.) or any other section of law  
35 to the contrary, such bonds may be issued without the approval of  
36 the capital projects review board.

37 The issuance of the bonds shall be approved by the board of  
38 education of the renaissance school district, or the State district  
39 superintendent in the case of a school district under full State  
40 intervention or partial State intervention in which the governance  
41 component has not been returned to the district. The approval shall  
42 be evidenced by the adoption of a resolution by the board of  
43 education in a public meeting upon an affirmative vote of two-  
44 thirds of its full membership certifying the support of the board for  
45 the issuance of the bonds, or if the school district is under full or  
46 partial State intervention and the governance component has not  
47 been returned to the district, a certification, affidavit, or other sworn

1 statement signed by the State district superintendent supporting the  
2 issuance.

3 b. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the  
4 contrary, a county or county improvement authority may issue  
5 bonds in order to finance the construction of a renaissance school  
6 project.

7 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of N.J.S.18A:22-20,  
8 N.J.S.18A:22-30, or any other section of law to the contrary, the  
9 principal and interest payments on the bonds issued pursuant to this  
10 section shall be paid by the board of trustees of the renaissance  
11 school. The board of education, the State district superintendent,  
12 the municipality, the county, or the county improvement authority,  
13 as applicable, shall enter into an agreement with the board of  
14 trustees of the renaissance school for the payment of the principal  
15 and interest. The agreement shall include the total amount of  
16 bonded indebtedness to be repaid, the schedule of required debt  
17 service payments, and the amount of each individual payment. The  
18 commissioner shall approve any agreement entered into pursuant to  
19 this section prior to the issuance of the bonds.

20 d. Bonds issued by a school district, municipality, or county to  
21 finance a renaissance school project pursuant to this section, shall  
22 be entitled to the benefits of the “New Jersey School Bond Reserve  
23 Act,” P.L.1980, c.72 (C.18A:56-17 et seq.).

24 e. The provisions of P.L.1969, c.130 (C.18A:24-61.1 et seq.)  
25 shall be applicable to bonds issued pursuant to this section.

26 f. In the event the authorization to operate a renaissance school  
27 project is terminated or expires for any reason, title to the  
28 renaissance school project shall revert to the board of education of  
29 the renaissance school district and any bonds issued to finance the  
30 project shall be eligible for State debt service aid.】<sup>1</sup>

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32 ‘【14.】 13.<sup>1</sup> The Commissioner of Education, pursuant to the  
33 “Administrative Procedures Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et  
34 seq.) shall adopt regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act;  
35 except that, notwithstanding any provision of P.L.1968, c.410  
36 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), to the contrary, the commissioner may adopt,  
37 immediately upon filing with the Office of Administrative Law,  
38 such regulations as the commissioner deems necessary to  
39 implement the provisions of this act, which regulations shall be  
40 effective for a period not to exceed 12 months and may, thereafter,  
41 be amended, adopted, or readopted by the commissioner in  
42 accordance with the requirements of P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1  
43 et seq.).

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45 ‘【15.】 14.<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect immediately.